Pension to handicapped, widows and elderly persons

1300.PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the amount being disbursed as persion to handicapped, widows and people of old age; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir. The State Government disburse pensions to the person with disabilities, widows and person with old age.

(b) Does not arise.

Black Listed NGOs

†1301. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got some proof regarding misuse of Government funds by some NGOs during the period from 2000 to 2004;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected by Government during above period, year-wise; and

(c) the number of persons found guilty and sent to jail, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADESSAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details of cases detectd during the above period is as follows:

Year	No. of cases
1999-2000	2
2000-2001	17
2001-2002	35
2002-2003	4
2003-2004	6
2004-2005	1
Total	65

(c) Grant-in-aid to all 65 NGOs has been stopped and the concerned State Governments have been requested to seize the assets created out of the Government funds and recover the amount from the NGOs.

Misuse of Govt. funds by NGOs

†1302. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many NGOs are misusing government funds and due to this, they have been black- listed by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to stop misuse of Government funds in future,if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would formulate new laws to make provision for more stringent punishment for the persons misusing government funds through NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir, Few NGO's have been black listed for improper function.

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